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Continuing Legislative Committee on State Planning and Development

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 21, 2008 10:00 AM in Room 2B of the LOB

I. CONVENE MEETING

Representative Feltman called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Committee Members

Present: State Senator Eric Coleman (Co-Chairman), State Representative Art Feltman (Co-Chairman), State Senator Jonathan Harris, State Senator Leonard Fasano, State Representative Craig Miner, State Senator Joseph Crisco, Jr., State Representative Antonio "Tony" Guerrera, State Representative Richard Roy

Absent: State Representative Jack Malone

II. REMARKS BY THE CHAIRS

Representative Feltman noted that the order of speakers on the subject of the Serenity Ranch, LLC. application would begin with the applicant and proceed to the Town of Cheshire and conclude with the Office of Policy and Management. Other interested parties would then have an opportunity to present.

III. ISSUES FOR COMMITTEE REVIEW

a. Serenity Ranch, LLC. (requested change to the Conservation & Development Policies Plan for Connecticut 2005–2010 as it pertains to the Town of Cheshire)

Anthony J. Fazzone (Fazzone & Ryan, LLC), on behalf of the applicant, provided a brief overview of the proposed project and the requested the interim change.

John Milone (Milone & MacBroom, Inc.), on behalf of the applicant, provided a detailed explanation of the proposed project and the reasons for the requested interim change.

William Root (Milone & MacBroom, Inc.), on behalf of the applicant, provided a detailed explanation of considerations being addressed to minimize the proposed project's impact on the environment.

The Town of Cheshire was not represented at the meeting.

Daniel D. Morley (Policy Development Coordinator, Office of Policy and Management) outlined the Office of Policy and Management's objections to the requested change, specifically that certain relevant information was not yet available to be considered in the interim change application process. The recommendation of the Office of Policy and Management was that the Continuing Legislative Committee on State Planning and Development reject the interim change application.

No one else chose to comment on the interim change application.

Representative Feltman asked for a motion to grant the applicant's requested change in designation from the current designations of Preservation Area, Conservation Area, and Rural Land to a uniform designation of Neighborhood Conservation Area. Senator Fasano made the motion and Senator Harris seconded the motion. Representative Feltman ordered that a roll call vote be taken and the motion passed with 8 total voting, 8 voting yea, 0 voting nay, 0 abstaining, and 1 absent and not voting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was duly made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by:
Benedict R. Daigle, Committee Clerk
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